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Applicant : Tadahiro Ohata, et al.

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For : DIGITAL BROADCAST SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND DIGITAL BROADCAST SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005, having a one-month statutory period for response set to expire on September 12, 2005, (September 11, 2005 being a Sunday) wherein an Election/Restriction Requirement and an Election of Species was required as follows:

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Group I claims 1-14, 23-36 and 45-49, drawn to a broadcast apparatus, classified in class 725, subclass 143;

Group II claims 15-20 and 37-42, drawn to a separation and chasing apparatus, classified in class 725, subclass 135; and

Group III claims 21, 22, 43 and 44, drawn toward Internet Mail, classified in class 725, subclass 109.

The groups contain claims directed to the following species:

- a) (SP 1) Figure 1 [first embodiment];
- b) (SP 2) Figures 2 and 10 [second embodiment];
- c) (SP 3) Figure 3 [third embodiment];
- d) (SP 4) Figures 4 and 10 [fourth embodiment];
- e) (SUB 1) Figure 7 [fifth embodiment];
- f) (SUB 1) Figures 8 and 9 [sixth embodiment];

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I claims 1-14, 23-36 and 45-49, species SP 2 corresponding to Figures 2 and 10 and subspecies SUB 1 corresponding to Figure 7 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully solicited.

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